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# **GRandJazzFest seeks volunteers**

***Get the “backstage view” at the FREE fest!***

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. – June 30, 2015 – GRandJazzFest presented by DTE Energy Foundation seeks volunteers to help at the festival Aug. 15 and 16 at Rosa Parks Circle in downtown Grand Rapids.

“Get your ‘backstage pass’ now to the excitement by becoming a GRandJazzFest volunteer,” Chairperson/Founder Audrey Sundstrom said. “It’s a great opportunity to get the inside view at our free, family friendly, live jazz festival!”

Three-hour shifts are available to assist in presenting this event to the community. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt, bottled water and the opportunity to help put on this free public event in the community.

People interested in volunteering can go to <http://grandjazzfest.org/volunteers/> to sign up.

More information on GRandJazzFest can be found at <http://www.grandjazzfest.org> and at the festival’s Facebook and Twitter sites – <http://www.facebook.com/grandjazzfest> and <http://www.twitter.com/grandjazzfest>.

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#### **About GRandJazzFest**

GRandJazzFest presented by DTE Energy Foundation is a community event of the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization “GR and Jazz” founded in 2012, with the purpose of promoting and bringing awareness of jazz and related arts to new and diverse audiences through educational programs and community events. GRandJazzFest 2015 is a FREE weekend-long event that runs Saturday, Aug. 15, from noon until 10 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 16, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., featuring jazz artists who are primarily Michigan-based. GRandJazzFest brings together notable jazz performers as well as highlights up-and-coming artists for diverse audiences. GRandJazzFest is being held at Rosa Parks Circle, a central location in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids, where attendees can enjoy music, support local businesses and visit other Grand Rapids attractions. The festival is FREE. More information at [www.grandjazzfest.org](http://www.grandjazzfest.org).

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